

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant	: Brad S. Culbert et al.
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For	: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPINAL FIXATION
Examiner	: Anuradha Ramana
Art Unit	: 3733

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 63 references to be considered by the Examiner.

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